PRESENT—*cont.*

Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Thomas, Mr. D.
Uppi Sahib Bahadur, Mr. K.
Vanavudaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapati Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Wood, Mr. C. E.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
Zamindar of Seithur.
Zamindar of Singampatti.

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NEW MEMBERS.

The following Special Members took the prescribed oath of allegiance to the Crown and took their seats :—

1. M.R.Ry. E. Sankaran Unni Avargal.
2. ,, A. Atchuthan Avargal.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Labour

Action taken on the recommendations of the Unemployment Committee.

*203 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to take any action on the recommendations of the Unemployment Committee?

A.—The Committee's recommendations are still under consideration.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I draw the attention of the hon. Member to the answer he gave in reply to a question on 26th February last promising to pass early orders on this matter?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The recommendations of the Committee pertain to the development of the Education Department and unless and until they complete the consideration of the subject and send the papers to me, it would not be possible to pass any orders. But the consideration of the subject is in the hands of my hon. Colleagues, the Minister for Development and the Minister for Education."

Police

Officers empowered to order police espionage of political workers.

*204 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: With reference to the answer to the last supplemental question to question No. 1659 answered on 2nd March 1929, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether any, and, if so, which officers and of what grade are empowered to order police espionage of political workers, without obtaining the previous orders of the Government?

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A.—It is the duty of officers in charge of police stations to place under surveillance any suspected person, whether he be suspected of intentions to subvert the established order of Government or to commit any other offence against law and order. The responsibility for the continuance or removal of such surveillance rests with the District Superintendent of Police.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask whether the expression 'officers in charge of police stations' includes head constables and constables ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Generally sub-inspectors are in charge of police stations."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I know, but I am asking whether head constables or constables in charge of police stations come under this term ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Yes."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" It is said that the responsibility for the continuance or removal of such surveillance rests with the District Superintendent of Police. Am I to understand that the officer in charge of a police station places a person under surveillance and reports to that effect to the District Superintendent of Police and that such surveillance is subject to his approval ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Yes, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether it is not a fact that when once a man is kept under surveillance, he cannot be removed from such surveillance for two years even by the District Superintendent of Police ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to more clearly define the expression 'subvert the established order of Government'? May I know if criticism of the existing system of Government with the object of . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is asking for an opinion."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know who ordered the surveillance of the members of the Godavari and Kistna Economic Enquiry Committee ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if the members of the Economic Enquiry Committee are being shadowed ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I must ask for notice."